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SUBJECT: TURKISH TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM CYPRUS

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF EXCHANGE AT DEPARTMENT PRESS  
BRIEFING DECEMBER 21 ON SUBJECT OF RECENT TURKISH TROOP  
WITHDRAWAL FROM CYPRUS. COPY HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO  
AMBASSADOR ESENBEL HERE. BEGIN TEXT: Q: THERE WAS A  
WITHDRAWAL OF 700 SOLDIERS FROM CYPRUS JUST RECENTLY BY  
THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. A: YES.

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Q: DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON THAT?

A: YES. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WITHDRAWAL, FOLLOWING UPON  
THE WITHDRAWAL OF AN AIR FORCE UNIT IN CYPRUS IN LATE  
OCTOBER, REPRESENTS A FURTHER STEP FORWARD. WE HAVE NOTED  
THE TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT ACCOMPANYING THE MOVE INDICATED  
THAT IT WAS TAKEN TO EVIDENCE A GOOD WILL TOWARD THE

RESUMPTION OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON SETTLING THE CYPRUS  
PROBLEM.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT IMPLIED ALSO THAT FURTHER TROOP WITH-  
DRAWALS WERE BEING CONTEMPLATED. WE ARE, THEREFORE, EN-  
COURAGED BY THIS ACTION. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL LEAD TO  
FURTHER SUCH STEPS AND CONTRIBUTE TO A LESSENING OF

TENSION ON THE ISLAND SO THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO  
RESUME MEANINGFUL INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS, UNDER THE  
AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THAT IS BASICALLY THE STATEMENT I HAVE. END TEXT. VANCE

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